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Because manpower has fled and because of a shortage of seeds, food and draft animals, 30 to 40 percent of the farms in northern Kwangtung have become barren. It is rumored that food riots will occur and that the situation will be worse in 1952. Ninety percent of the farmers in northern Kwangtung fear, suspect and hate the Communists but have no opportunity to arm for resistance. Farmers' associations and militia corps are not as stable as formerly and personnel in responsible positions are changed periodically.

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